

Lib. R. R. R. the same being a thing of another nature then confirming a peace wth Indians which I cannot apprehend soe difficult as rendred the neighbourly affection this Collony Beares to yo^r Province hath always and shall induce a greater readines to serve them, then any yo^r threats can oblige nor cann they be received kindly, not expecting such unsavory Returnes Especially from yo^r selves whom yo^r Capacity place and Circumstances might have kept to more moderate Terms, I p^rsume to knowe my duty and shall alwayes be accomptable for the same to my superiors and duly discharge my selfe accordingly And now hope you will proceed to yo^r busines pursuant to yo^r Commission And if any thing to add relateing to the piscataways or other yo^r freind Indians may Act therein as shall thinke fitt, wee not Conceiving our selves to be obliged or Ingaged for them, but have ordered you all Assistance and advice possible which may freely accept from those in place without any apprehensions or lealosies, or that any thing but his Ma^{ties} Service, and p^rservation of his Subjects is designed and intended by,

S^r Yo^r assured freind & Serv^t
Antho: Brockholls

Answer to Brockholls

Albany July 11th 1682.

Honrd S^r

Yo^r kind letter of the 30th of June (for which very thankfull) came to our hand on thursday night last; and the next morning Rec^d yo^{rs} Dated the 4th of July: S^r how groundless soever misinformacon may have rendred our expresses of Maryland to you, Wee have good reason to be very gladd, that wee have not beene guilty of the neglect for besides that
p. 44 in this case to be mistaken is a less Evill, then to be defective, wee have continuall informacon of the Indians being gonn downe into our Country, from the severall Troopes coming to this Towne, delivered to us from such mouths, which as yett wee have noe cause to Suspect, and whose names wee for noe other reason to conceale then their owne safety, against such threats as wee heare are made against them, but S^r to make it Certaine to you wee have desired M^r Slightenhorse to give us this inclosed Certificate who being Recomend^d to us from yo^r Selfe as a person fitt to make use of us this affaire, for his integrety, faithfullnes, and good knowledge in their language wee hope will both find Credence wth you and protection against any that may maligne him for those honest iust services he hath or may doe us from whome he receives his